

Sunday Morning, December 31, 1865.

The Past Year.

There is a chronological chart called "The Stream of Time," on which are recorded all the great events of this world's history, in their consecutive order. How very striking, and truly significant, is this illustration of time! We frequently speak of time as a stream, but do we as often think of the great lesson this figurative language teaches? Let us try and comprehend its forceful meaning. Take a position on some river's bank—the particles of water are so closely blended you cannot distinguish between them, you only see the volume moving majestically, and apparently slowly in its accustomed channel. Presently, however, you see a piece of drift-wood in the distance moving with increasing velocity; you saw it before it reached that part of the river immediately opposite you, and you see it now that it has passed you, but you can scarcely note the precise moment at which it passed you. So it is with our relation to time. We imperfectly scan the future, and we look at the past, but what of the present do we realize?—Where is the present second of time? Was that it? No, that second is gone forever! But this second of time, in which we are now thinking, may we not call it *present*? No! for ere I can pronounce the words, it is forever *past*. Thus it is with time. It is like a rapidly flowing stream, never stopping, but constantly passing onward.

What is time? What philosopher can answer this question? It is easily asked, but never has been satisfactorily answered. We have mutually agreed to call it a measured portion of indefinite duration. But this definition is both vague and unsatisfactory, yet it serves all our practical purposes. But we are becoming too subtle and ethereal in our cogitations. Let us descend more to the practical and comprehensible.

According to our calculus, this is the last day of the year 1865. Since this time last year, the planet on which we live has made 365 revolutions on its own axis, and one revolution around its great centre of attraction. These changes have taken place without any visible friction. All parts of the grand and complicated machinery of this system of worlds have performed their various functions, and subserved the glorious purposes of their great Creator, without discord or fatal collision. How sublimely grand, and intricately complicated this vast machinery! and yet, how uniform and harmonious have been its movements!

But while the planetary heavens have thus proclaimed the glory of their great Creator, and chanted His praise with thousands of melodious voices, what have we been doing? We, for whom all things were made. We, who are recognized as the lords of creation.

Our philanthropic God has richly and bountifully given us all needed blessings. He has given us abundant provision for the body, ample opportunities of mental culture, and peculiar privileges of moral improvement. Have we abused the first, neglected the second, and spurned the last? Have we eaten to gluttony, and drank to drunkenness? Have we in any way checked the healthful development of our physical organizations, or destroyed their proper tone, or vitiated their tastes? Are we sounder in body than we were one year ago, or are we more enervated, and less able to endure necessary exercise?

How is it with our minds? Have we rightly appreciated our advantages, and fully improved our opportunities of intellectual culture? How many lessons of wisdom have we learned from the experience of the past year? Have we been listless or inattentive to the thousands of voices from Nature's own lecturers? Are we wiser for having lived through the past days and hours of the closing year? Or have all the faculties of our minds grown weaker for lack of intellectual nutriment, and want of healthful exercise? How much close and profitable thinking have we done? Have we fully analyzed any important subject, or made ourselves masters of any one great idea? These are important questions which each one of us may properly and usefully propound to himself, or to herself, as the case may be.

But how is it in reference to our moral characters? During the past year, we have seen the light of fifty-two holy Sabbath days. These hallowed days of sacred rest have dawned upon us, recalling to our minds many pleasant associations of former years, and bringing to our ears the sweet accents of the glorious Gospel of peace on earth and good will toward men. How have we celebrated these solemn occasions of religious festivity, and how have we improved all the peculiar privileges they afforded us of becoming wiser

unto salvation? Have we been made spiritually better, or have we grown morally worse? Have we achieved any moral victories over ourselves, or are we still the slaves of carnal passions, or the dupes of unholy ambitions?

Both as individuals, and as a people, we have been in the deep waters of affliction. We have suffered from various causes, and to intense degrees. The debris of our burnt city, the wide-spread desolation of our entire country, and the graves of thousands of the noble dead, all speak to us in strains of eloquence and in songs of sadness. Have these sorrows affected us, as water does certain stones, making them more beautifully transparent; or have they affected us, as opiates do the sick man, deadening our sensibilities, and enervating our moral powers? What great moral lessons have we learned from the sorrows of the past? Has the night of affliction shown us any beautiful stars of hopeful promise, or has it impregnated us with the miasma of moral death? Are we morally better than we were a year ago?

What have we been doing for the moral improvement and elevation of our race? Have our consistent lives been unimpeachable comments on the reality and genuineness of the Christian religion, or have they been prolific of texts for the sneering infidel?

These are only a few specimens of the way in which we all may profitably catechise ourselves.

And now, kind readers, one and all, we bid you an affectionate farewell for the past year, and wish for you and ourselves many successes and much happiness during the ensuing year.

Venezuelian Land Grant.

It will be seen from the following communication, which we publish simply as a matter of news, and not in any way to encourage emigration from the Southern States, that the Government of Venezuela has made to a company a grant of 240,000 square miles of land, for the purpose of inducing the youth of the South to emigrate there and settle. Expressing our deliberate opinion that no country on earth, just now, offers a better field for energy, enterprise or capital, or all of them, than the State of Virginia, we, without further comment, give the communication:

"The Government of Venezuela having made a grant of the Territory of Guayra, 240,000 square miles of the richest, most fertile and productive land on the globe, for settlement exclusively by emigrants from the South. Granting the same to a company who shall hold 40,000 shares, with the privilege of selling 40,000 additional shares, at \$1,000 each; each share entitling the holder to 12,080 acres of land. There being 15,000 shares of the first unappropriated, persons in any of the Southern States desiring to join the company, who are industrious, energetic, &c., can do so, and receive a certificate of stock and title to the 1,280 acres of land. The expense for reaching the territory will be \$60 dollars from Norfolk, and the trip can be made in seven to nine days.

"Persons who are unable to buy, but desiring to join the company, will address the grantee, Dr. H. M. Price, of Scottsville, Virginia, enclosing four stamps for answer. The expense will be only, for office fees and surveying, not over \$25, to be paid at the Land Office. Labor can be obtained abundant and cheap.

"The grant embraces all the territory between the Orinoco and the Brazilian frontier. The climate is delightful; never over 87 degrees, and healthy. The land consists of rich savannahs, interspersed with valuable timber. It is rich in minerals—gold, silver, copper, coal, petroleum, &c. The productions are cotton, tobacco, coffee, sugar, coca, corn, &c. As a grazing country, it is unsurpassed—cattle needing no food, and increasing with rapidity. Three crops of corn can be made annually. Persons interested can consult 'Humboldt's Travels in South America,' Art. 'Guayra.' All editors in the South will please give this notice publicity, for the benefit of all desiring to emigrate.

"The Constitution of Venezuela is similar to our own. Emigrants will enjoy citizenship in one year; organize a Territorial Government, and when numbering 10,000, form a State Government, as in the United States. They will be free of all taxes and duties for five years. Everything essential to agriculture can be obtained, especially stock, on reasonable terms. No country on the globe offers such inducements to the poor man with a large family. He can produce more by three hours' daily labor than here by twelve. The streams abound in fish, turtle and game. Preference will be given first to poor men of large families; secondly, to married men; and lastly, to young men who have been in the Confederate service. A mis-statement will forfeit the land claim. The company will charter a steamship to sail regularly from Norfolk after the first Monday in April.

"20,000 shares will be sold, to men of means, at \$1,000 each; each share entitling the holder to 1,280 acres of land. The funds to be used in introduction of 'Coolie labor' and working the mines. Such will get land, labor and dividends. The remaining 50,000,000 of acres of land will be sold for the benefit of the company.

HENRY M. PRICE, M. D., Grantee, Pres't Venezollian Land Company.

SCOTTVILLE, Va., December 20, 1865. NOTE.—Cotton bears three crops from one planting, and the staple is good. The gold mines lately discovered are richer than those of California or Australia. All mines are the property of the company, and will be worked exclusively for their benefit. Companies of ten to twenty had better form in every county, and forward their names together. Mechanics and tradesmen will be furnished building lots gratuitously by the company, to the number of 8,000."

The Yellow River Bridge, on the Georgia Railroad, and the Chattahoochee Bridge, on the State Road, have been washed away.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF CHARLESTON, DEC. 28.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.
Steamship Geo. Washington, Gager, N. Y.
Steamship Cumberland, Denkin, Baltimore
Steamship Andalusia, Bursley, New York.
WENT TO SEA YESTERDAY.
Steamship Moneka, Marshman, New York.
Steamship Alhambra, Benson, New York.
Brig Allen P. Stuart, Holland, Philadelphia.
IN THE OFFING.
Sea Queen and David McNutt.

COMMERCIAL.

CHARLESTON, December 29.—For the past week, the cotton market has been inactive, and for several days of the week we could learn of no sales. This has been largely owing to the Christmas holidays, but also in consequence of holders having, in many cases, withdrawn their stocks to await further European news, now fully due. Such sales as have occurred since our last weekly report have been at the rates previously reported. Yesterday, some transactions took place, and we are informed of sales of about 100 bales, at 46¢ 47¢, for strict to good middling, and we would renew our quotations of the previous week, say middling, 44¢ 45¢; strict to good middling, 46¢ 47¢. The market is extremely dull for Sea Island cotton, and we have heard of no transactions during the week.

COTTON STATEMENT.
S. I. D. U. P.
Stock on hand Sept. 1, 1865. 362 1,610
Receipts from Sept. 1 to Dec. 20, 1865. 1,816 38,068
Receipts from Dec. 21 to Dec. 27. 360 3,262
Total receipts. 2,538 12,938
Exports. S. I. D. U. P.
Exports from Sept. 1 to Dec. 21, 65. 1,865 27,743
From Dec. 22 to Dec. 28, 1865. 429 3,692
Total exports. 2,294 32,435—2,294 32,435

Stock on hand. 244 10,503
About 1,000 bushels of Carolina rough rice have reached this market during the week, and small lots of clean Carolina have been sold at 11¢ 12¢, per pound.

The receipts of hay this week have been about 250 bales of North River and 50 bales of Eastern. North River is being sold at \$1.40¢\$1.65 as to quality; Eastern is held at \$1.80¢\$2 per hundred.

The only arrival of corn during the week came to hand yesterday, from Baltimore, say about 3,000 bushels. Sales to arrive have transpired at about \$1.23 per bushel, and we quote \$1.20¢\$1.23 as about the market value of the article.

The first addition to the stock of oats for several weeks took place yesterday, by the arrival of over 2,000 bushels by steamer from Baltimore. We have heard of no sales.

Salt has receded since our last statement, and sales from vessels have taken place at \$2.50 per sack.

Freights to Liverpool are 4¢ for upland, and quite dull. The rate for Sea Island varies from 1¢ 11¢ 12¢ per pound. To New York, in steamers, 1¢ per pound for upland, and 1½¢ for Sea Island is the current rate. Sailing vessels to New York are asking 3¢ per pound, but there is little offering.

Bills of exchange on England are dull, at 6.80¢6.85. Sight drafts on New York are purchased by the brokers at 14¢ cent off, and sold at 16¢ cent off.

Gold is purchased by the bankers at 45, and sold at 46.

SUGAR!

ANOTHER supply of BROWN SUGAR, at 15 cents, just received and for sale at retail by RICHARD CALDWELL, Dec 31 1st Old "Upper Ration House."

1866.

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ELEGANT CHILDREN'S SETS CUPS and SAUCERS—French China, &c. Handsome DOLL HEADS, with Water-falls.

TOY GUNS, with Bayonets. HARMONICAS. TOY CARRIAGES, GIGS. WATER CANNES, WAGONS. SUGAR PLUM BAGS. CRYSTALIZED FRUITS. Choice CONFECTIONERY, &c. At

MELVIN M. COHEN'S, Assembly street, West side, One door from Pendleton street. Dec 31

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SCOTT & HERIOT, AUCTIONEERS, WILL sell at their store, TO-MORROW (Monday) EVENING, at 7 o'clock, and to be continued every evening until consignments are closed.

A varied assortment of FANCY ARTICLES, PERFUMERY, TOYS, DRY GOODS, &c., &c., Which will repay a visit from the dealers and consumers of the town.

Consignments of goods solicited for our night auctions and private sale. Dec 31

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SUGARS, TEA, COFFEE, MOLASSES, CRACKERS, Cheese, Butter, Lard, Hams, Bacon, Dried Beef, Herrings, Mackerel, Vinegar, Pickles, Sauces, Canned Fruits, Mustard, Pepper, Spices, Ginger, Macaroni, Raisins, Brazil Nuts, Hazel Nuts, Salt, Sweet Potatoes, NORTHERN IRISH POTATOES, Gibson's FINE WHISKIES, SCOTCH WHISKY, GIN, RUM, FRENCH BRANDY, Madeira, Port and Sherry Wine.

St. Marcoux & Co.'s Champagne, Curacao, Absynth, Maraschino, &c.

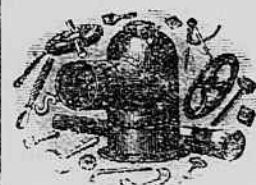
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GOLDSMITH & KIND, PROPRIETORS.



THE above works are now completed, and the undersigned beg to inform the public that they are now prepared to execute all kinds of IRON CASTINGS, such as are needed for agriculturists and machinists, RAILROAD IRON, MILL IRON, IRON FENCING, etc. They are also prepared to furnish BRASS CASTINGS of every description.

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M. GOLDSMITH, P. KIND.

Nov 9

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His facilities for Insurance cover Cotton, &c., all the way through, by land and sea, from any point, at lower rates by floating policies than can be effected here.

Produce bought and sold here to fill orders, at market rates, giving owners the opportunity of selling here or shipping.

Consignments solicited, to which I will give my personal attention, and returns made in currency, gold or foreign exchange. Dec 16 1mo

D. F. FLEMING & CO.,

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HAYNE res. and business at their old

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BACON SIDES and SHOULDERS.

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BUTTER, CHEESE, LARD, FLOUR.

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Raisins, Potatoes.

Liverpool Salt.

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